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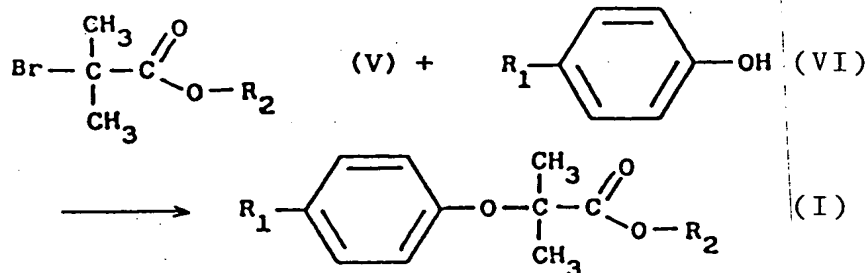
entitled: <sup>501</sup> Method for the preparation of fibrates

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method for the preparation of fibrates of the formula I according to the mechanism:



PS in which R<sub>1</sub> represents especially a halogen atom (in particular F, Cl or Br, the preferred halogen atom being Cl) or an acetyl, (4-chlorophenyl)hydroxymethyl, 4-chlorobenzoyl or 2-(4-chlorobenzamido)ethyl group and R<sub>2</sub> represents a C<sub>1N</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group in which the hydrocarbon chain is linear or branched, the reaction V + VI being carried out without a solvent.